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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Examiner: PENG, KUO LIANG

Serial No.: 09/918,465

Group Art Unit: 1712

Filed: August 1, 2001

Title: Method for the Preparation of Fine Globular Silicone Resin Particles

AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the office action mailed August 28, 2002, please amend the above-identified application as indicated below and consider the remarks which follow.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (Amended) A method for the preparation of globular particles of a silicone resin which comprises the steps of:

(a) preparing an aqueous alkaline solution having a pH value in the range from 10.0 to 13.0 by the addition of a basic compound selected from the group consisting of ammonia and water-soluble amine compounds to water;

(b) adding a water-soluble electrolytic compound of a metal to the aqueous alkaline solution, within a time from 1×10^{-5} to 1×10^{-2} mole-liter; and

(c) adding, to the aqueous alkaline solution, an organotrialkoxy silane compound or a partial hydrolysis condensation product thereof as the starting material, in an amount in the range from 5 to 100 parts by weight per 100 parts by